



COMMENT OF THE DAY

Britain & The Colonies

HONGKONG would like to have more details about Lord Ogmone's proposed new political status for the colonies. The cabled report of the House of Lords debate leaves rather too much to the imagination.

Lord Ogmone, who knows quite a lot about the comparative problems of the British colonies since, in the late Labour government, he was Under-Secretary for the Colonies, is reported to have advanced the suggestion of a "Grand Council" being formed through which the colonies would be able to obtain more closely the ear of the United Kingdom government of the day.

Lord Lloyd, current Under-Secretary for the Colonies, quickly pinpointed two difficulties regarding the practicability of such a Council. If its functions were to be consultative, Parliament would not of necessity have to follow its advice; if the Council were endowed with executive powers, it might find itself at loggerheads with Parliament.

HONGKONG'S interest in

London Emergency Talks On Far East Situation

Crisis Key Man



MR NEHRU

SHIP SENDS OUT SOS

London, Feb. 3. Coastal radios today intercepted an SOS from the Costa Rican freighter Darnel, reporting that it had suffered a boiler explosion during an Atlantic gale and "many men were terribly injured."

The radio message said the boiler exploded while the ship was fighting a gale 300 miles west of Cape Finisterre, Spain, and the ship was "out of control."

Lloyd's Register of shipping lists the Darnel as being of 7,053 tons, owned by the General Shipping Finance Corporation and Juan Hidalgo, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires.

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The China Mail's London correspondent writes that as news of Red China's rejection of the UN invitation to discuss Formosa ceasefire proposals reached London, the representatives of the Colombo Powers Conference were laying plans for an emergency meeting to seek means of easing the tension.

According to sources close to the Ceylonese delegation to the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference the Indonesian Minister to London, on cabled instructions from his government, has asked Sir John Ketekawa, Premier of Ceylon and chairman of the Colombo Powers, to call a special meeting of the Powers' representatives.

Earlier today, it is understood, the Indonesian Minister called on two other Commonwealth Premiers — India's Nehru and Pakistan's Mohammed Ali.

Once already the Colombo Powers have played a part in helping solve the Far Eastern problem. That was during the Geneva talks last year when the Foreign Ministers meeting in Switzerland asked the Colombo Powers for their views.

NEW EFFORTS

London, Feb. 3. The British Commonwealth Prime Ministers, meeting here, will intensify their efforts to solve the Formosa crisis, following Communist China's refusal tonight to attend a ceasefire debate in the United Nations Security Council.

The Prime Ministers are now almost certain to take up the Formosa problem — shelved while China's answer to the Security Council invitation was awaited — at their next meeting tomorrow.

Tonight the feeling among conference delegates was that the development had put the burden of finding a new way to ease the tension squarely on the

Chinese delegation. Some of those delegates who had been optimistic about the chances of his agreeing eventually to send a representative to New York.

In the view of qualified observers, Mr. Chou En-lai

MR NEHRU'S CEASEFIRE CONFERENCE PLAN Commonwealth Premiers Taking Initiative

From DEREK MARKS

London, Feb. 3. In London today a Foreign Office spokesman said Britain was "deeply disappointed" by Red China's rejection of the UN invitation. No further comment was made but it is clear Sir Winston Churchill and the Commonwealth Premiers are to hold emergency talks tomorrow (Friday) on the new situation.

It is expected that Mr Nehru will put forward a plan calling for a Geneva-type conference such as that which succeeded in ending the Indo-China war.

I understand the basis of this plan will be that Britain, France, India and Russia will be asked to invite jointly the United States and Communist and Nationalist China to meet at a round table conference.

No attempts are made in London tonight to disguise the gravity of the situation. Fear of war in the Far East is now very real.

I understand the immediate view of senior officials tonight was that Chou En-lai's demands had "slammed the door" on all attempts to negotiate a Formosa ceasefire through the United Nations.

But there was a feeling that the Chinese Communists had rejected the UN invitation "in expectation that the Commonwealth Premiers would do something which would be welcome," as one source put it.

It is significant that Mr Nehru has had private talks with Mr Winterton Aldrich, the United States Ambassador to London, and Huay Hsiang, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires.

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Reactions To Chou's Note Of Rejection

Washington, Feb. 3.

Communist China's effective refusal to co-operate in the United Nations Formosan ceasefire discussions was seen in diplomatic circles here as a heavy, perhaps fatal blow, to such efforts through the framework of the United Nations Security Council.

In these circumstances, attention is shifting to other means of ending the fighting there and in particular to the informal discussions now going on between the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London.

Diplomats here expressed themselves profoundly disappointed at what they called the extremely negative and propagandist nature of the reply of the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, to the invitation extended to him by the United Nations Security Council.

But in Western diplomatic circles there was no disposition to give up all efforts to bring about an end to hostilities in the Formosa area. As one diplomat put it: "This puts us back to starting all over again." — Reuter.

DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT

New York, Feb. 3. News of the Chinese Communists' rejection of the Security Council's invitation was received at United Nations Headquarters today with deep disappointment.

The bitter and uncompromising terms used by Mr. Chou En-lai produced a series of shock, particularly among those delegates who had been optimistic about the chances of his agreeing eventually to send a representative to New York.

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Britain's Germ Warfare Statement

London, Feb. 4.

Britain told Russia today she would never wage gas or germ warfare except in reprisal.

In a note delivered in Moscow, Britain denied Soviet charges that the recent Paris treaties on German rearmament violated the 1925 Geneva Protocol banning the use of these weapons.

Similar replies were sent by the other signatories of the Paris treaties whom Russia accused of breaking the Protocol, France, Italy and the Benelux countries.

The British note said that when the Protocol was ratified, Russia herself joined Britain in reserving "the right to retaliate in kind against any Power which should first use such weapons against them."

RIGHT RESERVED

Both countries "thus reserved the right to manufacture and stock such weapons."

The note contrasted the Soviet charges—contained in a note to London on January 13—with the attitude of Moscow in 1942.

It quoted a wartime telegram from Marshal Stalin to Sir Winston Churchill welcoming Britain's assurance to use poison gas against Germany if the Nazis used it against Russia.

The fear of retaliation, not the Geneva Protocol, prevented gas and germ weapons being used in the last war, today's British note asserted.

NO OBLIGATION

It said the Paris agreements provided for the "effective limitation and control by an international body of bacteriological and chemical weapons as well as of other types of weapons. No comparable system is understood to exist in East Europe."

"In establishing this system of control the Paris agreements do not create an obligation for the production of these weapons," the note stated.

There was therefore "no justification for the Soviet Government's statement that these agreements provide for the 'piling up' of stocks or still less for the use of these weapons."

Britain rejected as "misrepresenting the essential purpose of the Paris agreements" the Russian allegation that they were incompatible with the Geneva Protocol.—Reuter.

THE NEW ARK ROYAL READY

London, Feb. 4.

The Ark Royal, Britain's most up-to-date aircraft carrier, which took nearly 12 years to complete, will come into service with the Royal Navy on February 22, it was announced here.

The 30,800-ton vessel, incorporating the latest improvements, including an angled flight deck, is successor to a long line of Ark Royal dating back from the days of the Spanish Armada more than 350 years ago.

With more than 80 aircraft aboard—the number in wartime would be even larger—the new Ark Royal will be the most formidable fighting unit of the Royal Navy.—China Mail Special.

Duchess Of Kent Has Influenza

London, Feb. 3.

The Duchess of Kent is suffering from a severe attack of influenza. It was announced from her home in Buckinghamshire last night.

Princess Alexandra, who was reported on Monday to be suffering from influenza is making steady progress. It was added.

—China Mail Special.

MP's Query On HK Shirts

Our Own Correspondent

London, Feb. 3.

Mrs. Elaine Burton, Socialist MP for Coventry South, asked the President of the Board of Trade in the Commons today whether he was in a position to make a statement on the action taken by the Hongkong Government concerning the manufacture and marketing of shirts branded as an exact imitation of Double Two shirts made by a Wakefield shirt company.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft replied: "I am informed the Hongkong authorities took steps to stop the manufacture of the shirts in question as soon as complaints were received, and that they are taking legal proceedings against the exporter concerned."

Mrs. Burton further asked whether the Minister was in position to state when the legal procedure will be completed because the information he had given wasn't very new.

Mr. Thorneycroft said:

"On the question of finding I am afraid I am not in a position to say as this is in the hands of the Hongkong authorities."

Premiers Discuss Singapore Defence

London, Feb. 8.

The Prime Ministers of Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan today discussed the defence of Singapore and Malaya in a study of the general strategic situation in South-east Asia.

During the talks Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, gave the Prime Ministers a top secret appraisal of the fighting strength of the eight nations making up the new Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation.

Sir Winston Churchill, Mr. G. Menzies, Australia, Mr. Sidney Holland, New Zealand, and Mr. Mohammed Ali, Pakistan, discussed as part of their study the present campaign against Communism in Malaya.

But conference sources said neither Mr. Menzies nor Mr. Holland made any reference to the question of stationing Australian or New Zealand troops permanently in Malaya.

This will be discussed later by Britain, Australia and New Zealand among themselves, the sources said.

WILL PLAY PART

Mr. Menzies has already made it clear that Australia is willing to play her part in the defense of Malaya but that there can be no firm commitment on troops during the present conference.

Today's meeting included a discussion of the staff issues among Britain, Australia and New Zealand on the defence of Malaya through ANZAM—as the three-power group is known.

The ANZAM structure was due to be discussed in greater detail by the three countries tomorrow. But now developments on the Formosa crisis tonight may cause this discussion and another on Parkinson's future constitutional status in the Commonwealth to be postponed.

Today's talks surveyed in detail the situation in the immense area bounded by Indo-China in the North, Indonesia in the South, Thailand in the West and the Philippines in the East—Reuter.

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MENDES-FRANCE SEEKS VOTE

Paris, Feb. 3.

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French Assembly.

Guarantee For Investor In Philippines

Washington, Feb. 3.
The Foreign Operations Administration today announced that it had issued insurance guaranteeing a total of \$450,000 of an investment made by a United States firm in the Philippines.

This was the first action in Asia under the Agency's guarantee investment programme.

The insured, eye glass, the Rhein Manufacturing Company of Biebrich, California manufacturer of steel drums, rails and industrial containers.

It received guarantees against:

The risk of being unable to convert local currency into dollars.

The risk of loss through nationalization and expropriation.—Reuter

This Dog Knew Where To Go

Apeldoorn, Holland, Feb. 3.
Many are the stories of canine intelligence. Yet another came to light here today.

A fox terrier was run over by a motor car here, one of his paws being badly injured. To the surprise of the crowd that gathered, the animal picked himself up and hopped off, bleeding profusely to a nearby veterinary surgeon.

The first his owner knew of the accident was when he read of it in the press. He then went to the veterinary to claim his pet.—France-Press.

Paris, Feb. 3.

M. René Coty, President of the French Republic, and Madame Coty, went to the Town Hall of Paris today to attend the civil marriage of their granddaughter, Francoise Egloff, a fashion designer, to Paul Hecly, an army officer.

M. René Gauz, mayor of the neighbouring 16th arrondissement, paid tribute to the President, and said, "You are a grandfather, and of all year titles, I know that this is the one you value most."—France-Press.

Fellow Party Member Will Not Support Government

By Harold King

Paris, Feb. 3.
French ex-Premier, M. René Mayer, today dealt a heavy blow to the chance of survival of the Mendes-France Cabinet when he indicated that he would not support the Government in a vital confidence vote on North Africa.

M. Mayer, like M. Pierre Mendes-France, is a member of the Radical Party and is generally believed to hold the Government's fate in his hands.

In face of the heavy attack by opponents of the Premier's economic policies, only the solid support of his own party is considered to give him any hope of victory.

COLONEL GUILTY OF INDECENCY

Hertford,

West Germany, Feb. 3.
A British court martial today sentenced Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Tomlinson, Commandant of the British Corrective Establishment in Bielefeld, to be cashiered after finding him guilty on five charges of gross indecency with two German men.

The finding and sentence are subject to review. The Court acquitted Tomlinson on two further charges of gross indecency with one of the two men.

Tomlinson is 51 and had 28 years' army service.—China Mail Special.

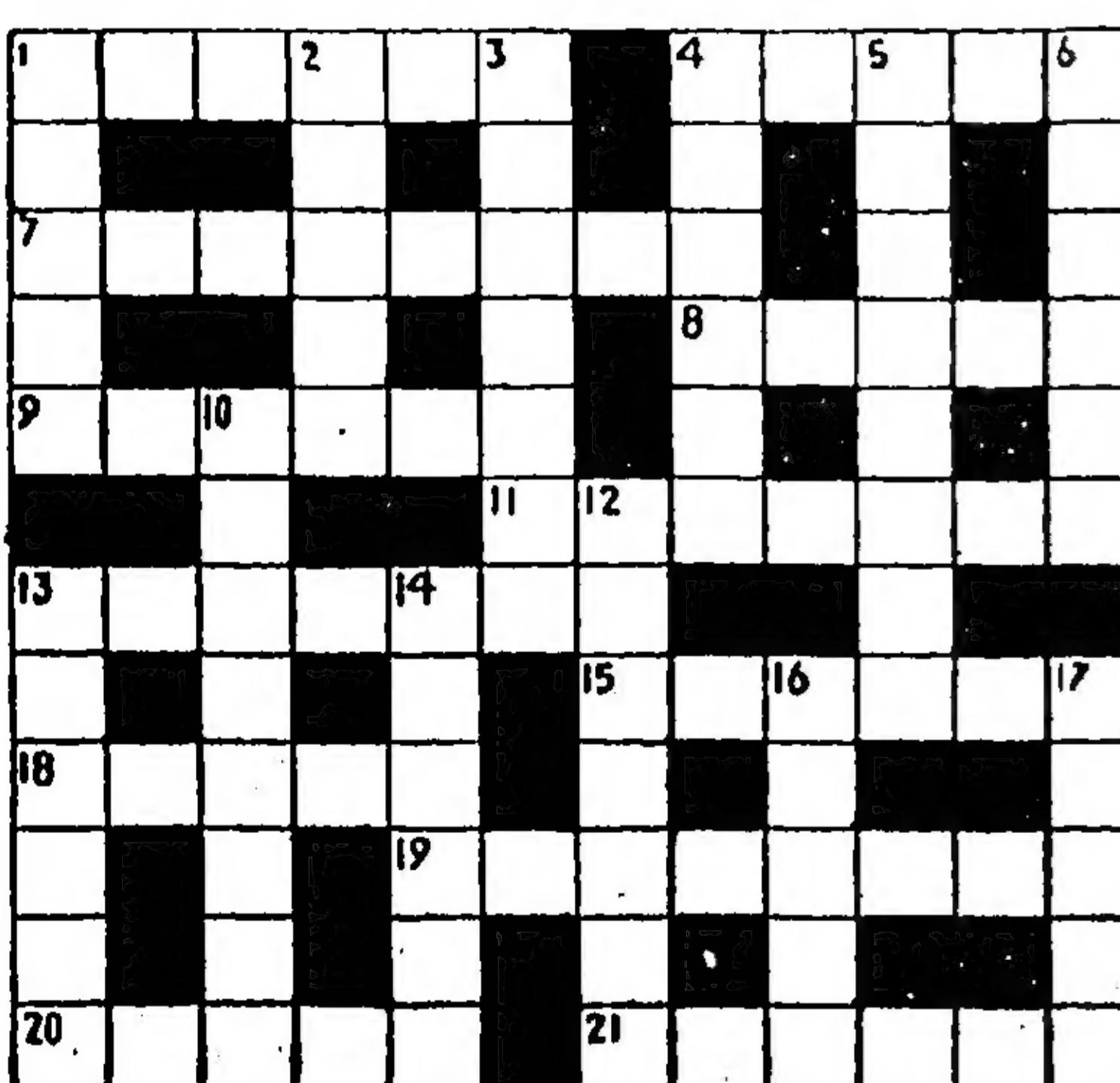
Gentlemen's Agreement

Melbourne, Feb. 4.

Britain has entered into a gentleman's agreement to buy more Australian products, the Canberra correspondent of the Melbourne Herald reported today. Britain would work in the spirit of the 1932 Ottawa agreement on Imperial preference which Australia claimed had been in Britain's favour in recent years, the report said.

Australia had guaranteed that Britain would find means "in a form that could not be stated immediately" to buy more Australian wheat than last year. Britain had also agreed to take "substantial" quota of Australian goods including butter and other dairy products and fruit products, the correspondent said.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Soft (6).
- Mix together (6).
- Official record (6).
- Run off to marry (5).
- Tasting like wormwood (6).
- Annoyed (7).
- Owning up (7).
- Walk woefully (6).
- Nominated (5).
- Healthy exertion (8).
- Subsequently (6).
- Bombards (6).

DOWN

- Palpitate (6).
- Current (6).
- Comes back (7).
- Deprived of (6).
- Praised (8).
- Apartment house (6).
- Values highly (7).
- Annual (6).
- Most beloved (6).
- Relative (6).
- Jugs (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Clap, 4 Assist, 8 Acro, 9 Palm, 10 Incline, 11 Poco, 12 Mar, 14 Erasing, 17 Adonis, 19 Balloons, 22 Dresses, 26 Vent, 27 Vine, 28 Limited, 29 Rout, 30 Reds, 31 Records, 32 Arbor, 33 Down, 34 Loaded, 35 Painter, 36 Arise, 37 Schorobaneck, 38 Idles, 39 Tenon, 12 Main, 13 Role, 16 Ind, 18 Gust, 19 Rovere, 20 Averno, 21 Etna, 23 Rules, 24 Spind, 25 Sides.

Seven-Year Fight For Return Of War Baby

Paris, Feb. 3.

Madame Philippeau will — perhaps — after a law-suit lasting seven years get back her daughter soon.

She was employed, in 1942, by a hotel housing German troops in Nantes, western France.

"This was the beginning of my misfortune," she says. She was a friend of a resistance leader who asked her to steal arms and documents from the hotel's residents.

But her friend was caught by the Gestapo and had to disclose her part in the game. She was arrested, tortured and sent to Aachen, where she realized that she was going to have a baby. Little Josette was born in jail.

DRESS THE BABY!
Madame Philippeau was later sentenced by Germans to three years' hard labour. One day, a guard came and told her roughly, "Dress the baby. I am taking her away."

She tried to fight but was soon overpowered by the guard and the baby was taken away. Through kind Germans, she was able to receive news of her daughter who was finally adopted by Frau Schorobaneck, wife of a German soldier who was unable to bear children.

After the war, Madame Philippeau tried to trace her daughter. She finally succeeded but her adoptive mother would not part from her. She claimed that there had been a substitution.



Marshal Tito seen in an ox-drawn cart as he rides through a village on the banks of the Irrawaddy River on the way to the 11th Century Burmese capital of Pagan, 95 miles southwest of Mandalay. His aides can be seen walking behind him. Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia, was paying an 11-day State visit to Burma.—Express Photo.

Turkey's Destinies Joined

With The Iraqis

Istanbul, Feb. 3.
The Turkish Minister of State and the Deputy Premier, Fatin Rustu Zorlu, said today that Turkey had "hopefully expected" that the Cairo conference of Arab Premiers "might support the joint decision of Turkey and Iraq" to conclude a mutual defence pact.

Mr Zorlu told the United Press in an exclusive interview that Turkey had hoped for Arab support for such an agreement "in the realisation that such a step would work primarily to the benefit of the Arab countries and certainly to the advantage of the entire free world."

The Deputy Premier added, "The statement issued by Premier Mendes prior to the Cairo meeting clearly indicates our effort to bring this essential point to the attention of our Arab friends."

VERY DISAPPOINTED

"We were very disappointed to see that in spite of all our endeavours and in spite of the advantage which would clearly accrue to the security of the Arab nations from such an agreement, the conference did not reach the positive result."

"Nevertheless, we were happy to learn that among those present at the conference were a certain number of Arab statesmen apart from those of Iraq who had fully realised the value of the Turco-Iraqi agreement for the Arab nations."

Mr Zorlu pointed out that the Turks were "particularly grieved at the propaganda campaign that has been unleashed which tends to impede the aims of the peace front and particularly the aims of the Arab countries and which can only serve the interests of the Communists."

However, Mr Zorlu said that "in spite of these adverse tendencies, Turkey will not falter in following the constructive course which she has taken with Iraq."

"We shall not," he continued, "be deterred from bringing about with Iraq the agreement which will serve the defence of the area against all aggression from within or without, and we shall continue to co-operate with Iraq with whom we have joined our destinies."—United Press.

Ancient Tombs Found

Syracuse, Sicily, Feb. 3.
ANCIENT tombs dating back to the Greek colonisation of Syracuse and the Hellenic period afterwards were discovered here yesterday by workmen excavating in the region of Santa Lucia for the laying of a drainage system.

The report was sent to the tribunal judging the case and it is likely that site will be returned to her, but the two women will suffer both the real mother and the adoptive mother, who love the child deeply.—France-Press.

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SOAP-SUD BATH CAN SAVE OIL SLICK BIRDS

Bremen, Feb. 3.
A German veterinary surgeon has discovered that birds contaminated with oil floating in the sea can be treated with a soap-sud bath and enabled to fly again.

The "vet", Dr. Erich Jacob, tried out his experiment with thousands of seagulls and wild duck who were caught in a great sheet of oil off the Isle of Syb recently.

His four bath—similar to that used by housewives for washing up—cleaned their feathers, and the birds were able to fly off none the worse for their adventure.

Previous attempts to help the thousands of unfortunate wild fowl who perish annually in this way had always failed, as chemical products used for cleaning their feather produced skin irritations from which the birds invariably died.—France-Press.

New System For The Blind

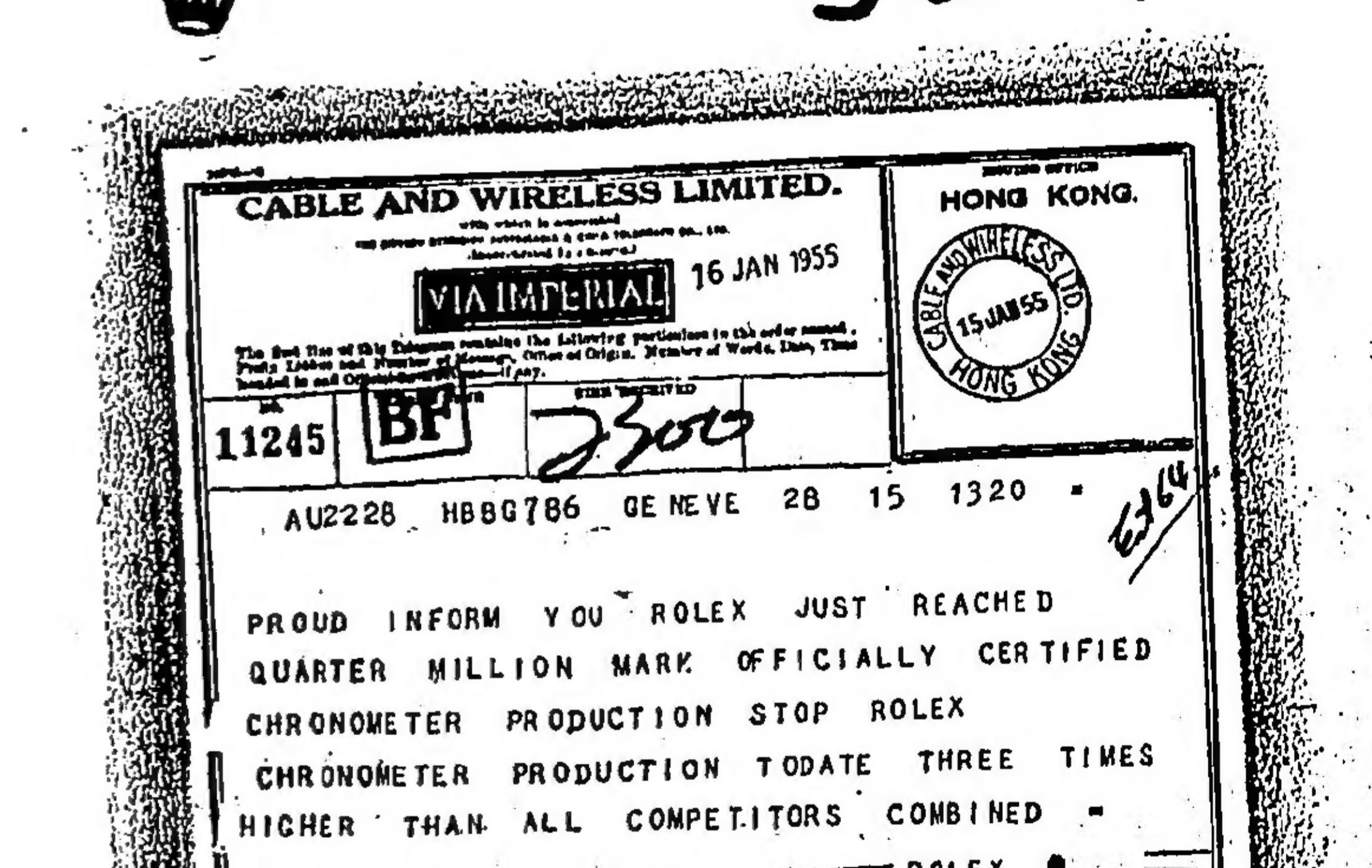
Mitcham, Surrey, Feb. 3.
An organist in the parish church here has devised a stone-clilled system which, he says, is an improvement on Braille and makes reading and playing music easier for the blind.

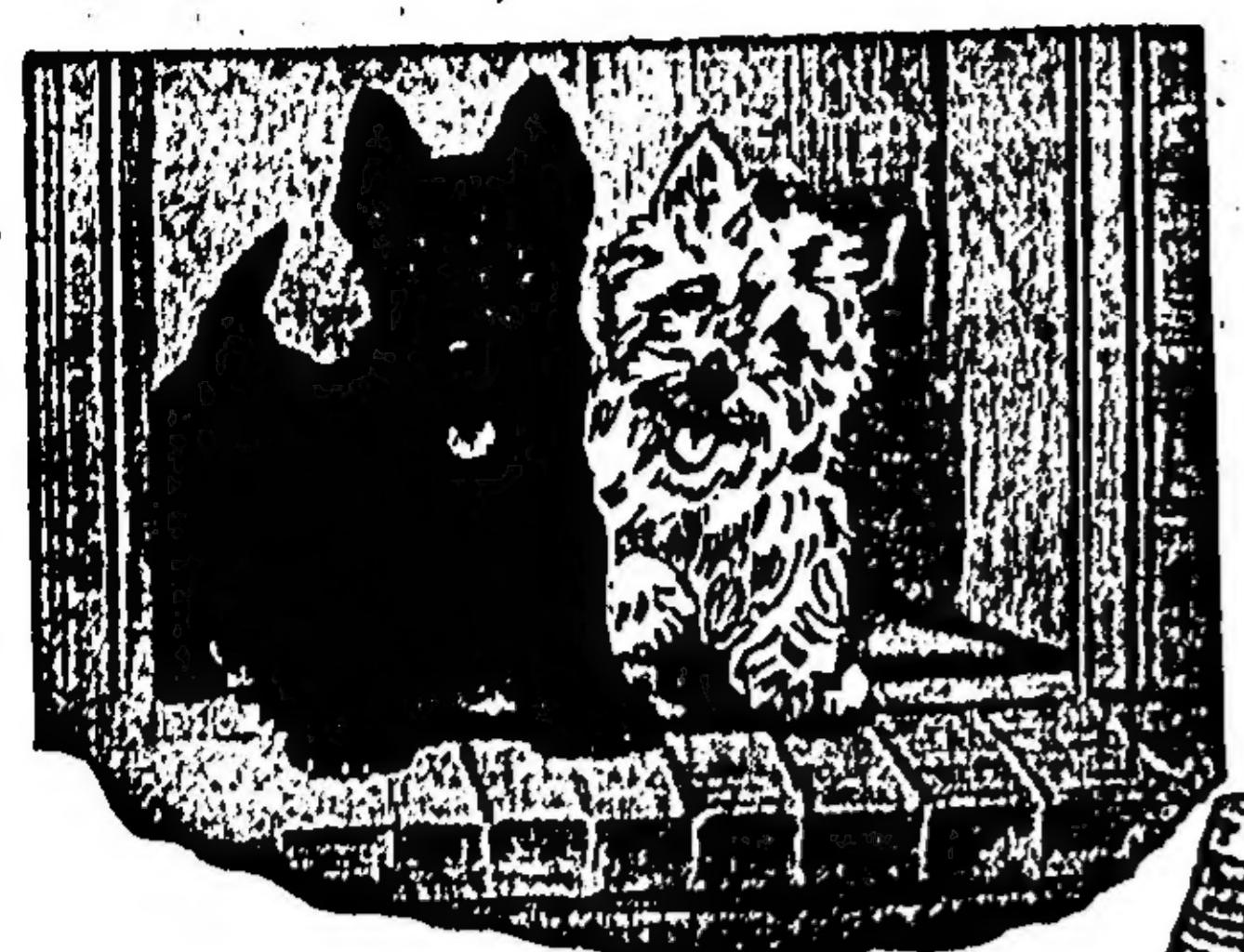
Mr L. J. Castle, the organist, claims that his system will enable the blind to correspond with those who are not blind. They will do this by writing with an engraving tool.

The writing can be read by normally sighted persons easily because it is based on our Roman lettering. Mr. Castle explains, and the raised dots are so spaced that they can be read at a glance without fingerings. Mr. Castle experimented with his system last Christmas by including a blind person among the ringers of the Mitcham church bells.—China Mail Special.

No Parcels For Last Christmas

London, Feb. 3.
Mr C. J. Alport, a Conservative Member of Parliament, is to complain in the House of Commons that British servicemen in Korea have not received Christmas parcels sent them last year.—China Mail Special.





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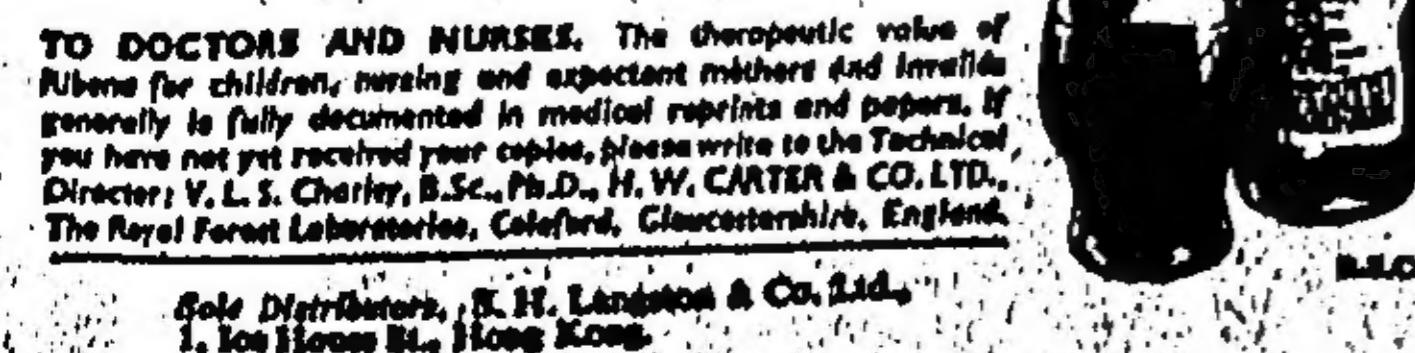
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"Angus's rheumatism disna seem t' be troubling this morning."

London Express Service

Even Actors Are Learning Their Lines This Way

THEY LEARN WHILE THEY SLEEP

By Dal Stivens

A NEW method of learning while you sleep is being more and more widely used in America today. It is, some scientists believe, a blueprint for the future when school for our grandchildren will not be school in the classroom but school in the inner spring mattress!

The idea is a brain-child of a New Yorker, Mr. Sherover, who was chairman of a company that taught people foreign languages by recordings. Always interested in the problem of learning, he was impressed by a statement of doctor friend that we learn best when in a relaxed state. When we are more relaxed than when we are asleep, reasoned Sherover.

SON CHARLES

He experimented first with his small son, Charles. In the small hours of the night while his son slept, Father Sherover read over the verses the boy had been set to learn in school. It seemed to promise results but Father Sherover began to get rather concentrated in the pillow began to recite a list of fifteen short words. He recited them monotonously over and over again, thirty times.

The next morning the students who had been

taught in their sleep were asked to memorise the list of fifteen words while scientists stood by with stop-watches. Those who had been chanted to in the night memorised the list in a quarter less time than those who had not.

The two groups were asked to memorise the list of fifteen words while scientists stood by with stop-watches. Those who had been chanted to in the night memorised the list in a quarter less time than those who had not.

Other experiments also showed the same satisfactory results. The inner mattress school method may mean a general speeding up in all learning.

BAD HABITS

The system has possibilities, too, in getting rid of bad habits such as nail chewing. At the College of William and Mary, Dr Lawrence Leshan made an experiment to see if he could cure 20 boys of the habit of nail chewing. While the boys chewed their nails in their sleep the doctor's voice droned away: "My fingernails taste very bitter... My fingernails taste very bitter..."

The voice said the one sentence over and over for

600 times every night. Re-tested, together with a group which had not been taught in this fashion.

When one boy had enough and stopped. Two weeks later two other joined him, and a week later five more stopped. When the camp closed, eight had lost the habit entirely.

Another practical use of Sherover's discovery of learning through sleep was made by a Hollywood director. He knew that many actors and actresses, being very busy people, could not find time to read much more than their own parts in a film play. He knew also that for a perfectly directed film he wanted actors and actresses who knew every part so they would feel the drama properly. Not without some trouble he persuaded them to have a recording of the whole story of a forthcoming film played to them each night for a week while they slept.

The result of the experiment was a vastly superior performance by all members of the cast.

Ramon Vinay, the Chilean opera star, was a very worried man. With less than a week to go, he had to sing a role in "Carmen" in Italian in the famous opera house of La Scala, and his Italian was poor. He had a heavy Spanish accent, and Señor Vinay feared he would be boozed off the stage by the hard-to-please and exacting audience.

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it was suggested to Vinay that he have a recording of his role, sung in Italian, played to him while dropping off to sleep and while asleep. Vinay thought the idea fantastic but was persuaded to give it a trial. Within a week he could sing his role without a trace of a Spanish accent.

Another use of the technique was applied in the case of a potentially brilliant student who persistently failed in his examinations because his confidence had been shattered and he expected to fail. Every night for a month while he slept a recording implanted a positive attitude in the student's mind with carefully selected phrases such as, "You have nothing to fear. You have learned your subjects well and know them thoroughly. You can pass this examination easily."

The student passed his next examination brilliantly.

THE TRICK

Among those who have been won to the new inner spring mattress method of learning is the brilliant Russian-born airplane designer Alexander P. de Seversky. He wanted to acquire an American accent in keeping with his newly acquired American citizenship. Each night on retiring and while he slept he had a recording of speeches by leading Americans, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, played over to him. It did the trick.

The possible long-term detrimental effects on the health of a person learning while he is asleep is still an open question.

Adam & Eve Had A Word For It, Too

By J. W. TAYLOR

NEWLY-CREATED barons in the New Year Honours have been busy choosing their new titles in readiness for the start of the six-weekly Investitures at the Palace, commencing on February 8.

From way back in the days of Solomon men have been peculiarly preoccupied with names, some having lent theirs to increase and enrich the English vocabulary. Certainly the earliest suggested man-word association of all applies to the "Adam's apple," a term used by most people to describe the projection of the thyroid cartilage of the larynx.

It is said to have arisen during the fateful moment when Adam accepted the forbidden apple in the Garden of Eden. A piece of it stuck in Adam's throat. It is, of course, beside the point if more than one much-married man has since been heard fervently to observe: "It should have choked him!"

Certain aspects of men's and women's fashions have been named from a variety of sources. There was San Pantaleone, Venetian saint, who gave his name to pantaloons and, of course, Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, of 19th century fame, his female counterpart.

Black Maria

The United States provides one of the most picturesque titles through Maria Lee, a negro of tremendous strength and proportions, who ran a soldiers' home in Boston, Philadelphia. No refractory scamp ever got the better of the mighty Maria, who more than once pitched a trouble-maker out into the street right on his neck. She ruled the places with an iron hand, but a warm and generous heart.

Maria always closely observed the law and so often helped the police trace and capture a law-breaker who might have been a transient at her home that she was eternally glorified in the famous official police mode of transport the "Black Maria."

Founded in 1927, the Oscar, filmland's coveted trophy awarded for best performances and productions by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, was but a nameless trophy until 1931. One day a newly-appointed librarian to the Academy picked up the trophy and remarked: "It reminds me of my Uncle Oscar." The name stuck.

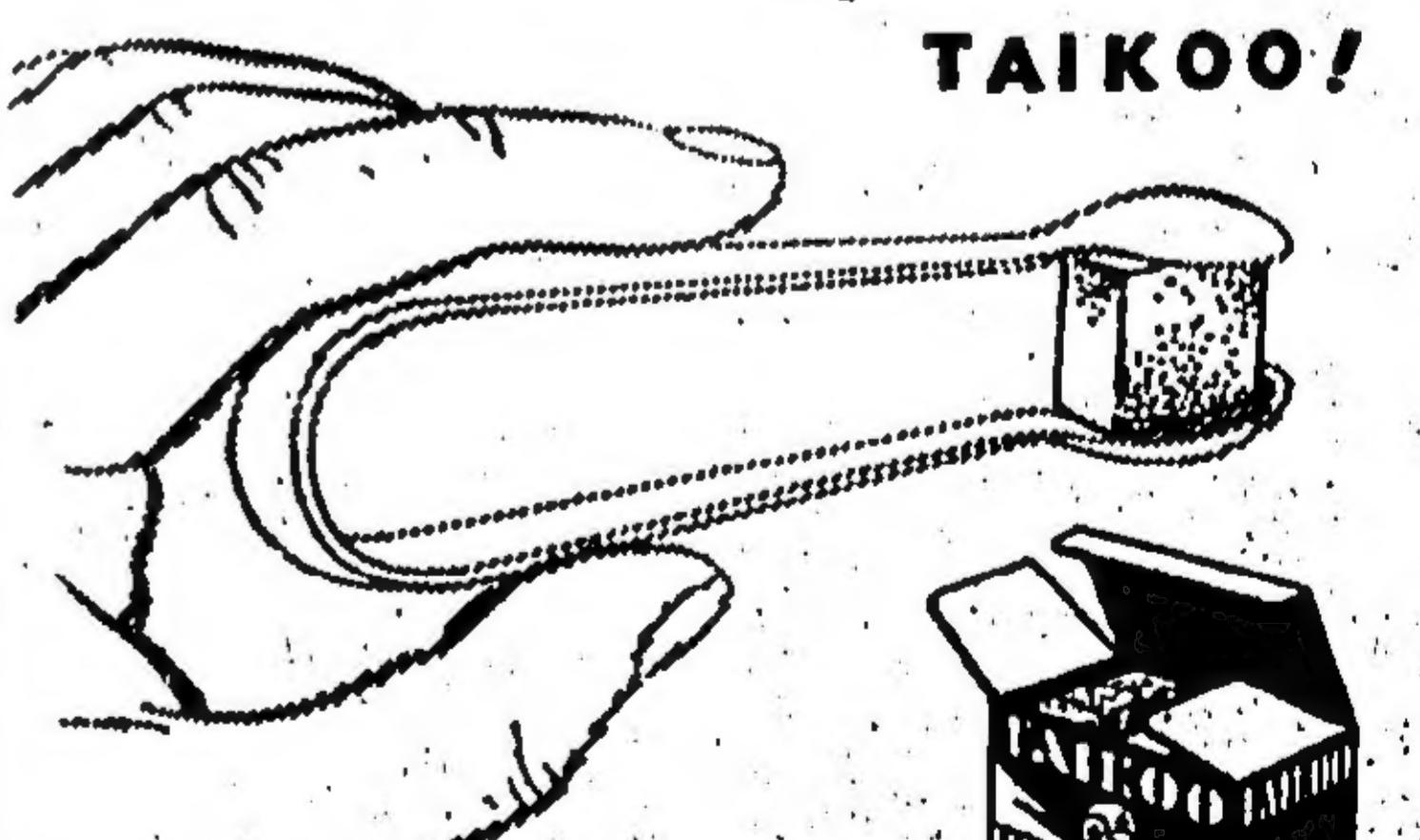
That Sandwich

As for that sandwich you had the other day, it found cymological fame from John Montague, fourth Earl of Sandwich. A historian tells us that what led to the Earl thus giving his name was a marathon of 24 hours at the gaming table. His only sustenance were thick slices of meat placed between slices of toast.

Everyone knows of the ship's pilim line to mark the point beyond which a vessel may not be loaded down into the water. The name comes from Samuel Filimoss, the "sailor's friend", who long agitated for the introduction of this load safety mark on ships.

The term "boycott", implying social or other ostracism, dates from the 19th century Captain Boycott. He was the victim of conspiracy by the Irish Land League, which prevented him from making any social contacts in his district.

"One Lump-or Two?"
... make sure it's
TAIKOO!



TAIKOO
SUGAR
Half Cubes

obtainable from
all shops and stores

NO AUTHORITY

But the Chinese Communist regime has never declared that Chiang Kai-shek was the ruler of Formosa. His claim has been to represent China and that Formosa is part of China.

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This means that no recognised authority has ever laid claim to Formosa since the Japanese peace treaty. This meant that at that time Formosa did not automatically become Chinese territory. It belonged to no-one. Legally it might have become the property of China if Formosa were legally Chinese territory the United States would be intervening in a civil war. But they explain that Formosa is neither Chinese territory nor the property of Chiang Kai-shek.

The lawyers say there are three possible arguments to define the legal status of Formosa.

1. Formosa was Japanese until the 1951 San Francisco peace treaty. In the treaty signed by 48 states, Japan renounced sovereignty over Formosa, the Kuriles and the Ryukyu Islands.

2. Classical International law recognises that an unoccupied island becomes the property of the first to land on it and declare possession.

This might make Chiang the rightful owner. But Chiang has never declared that he was the ruler of Formosa. His claim has been to represent China and that Formosa is part of China.

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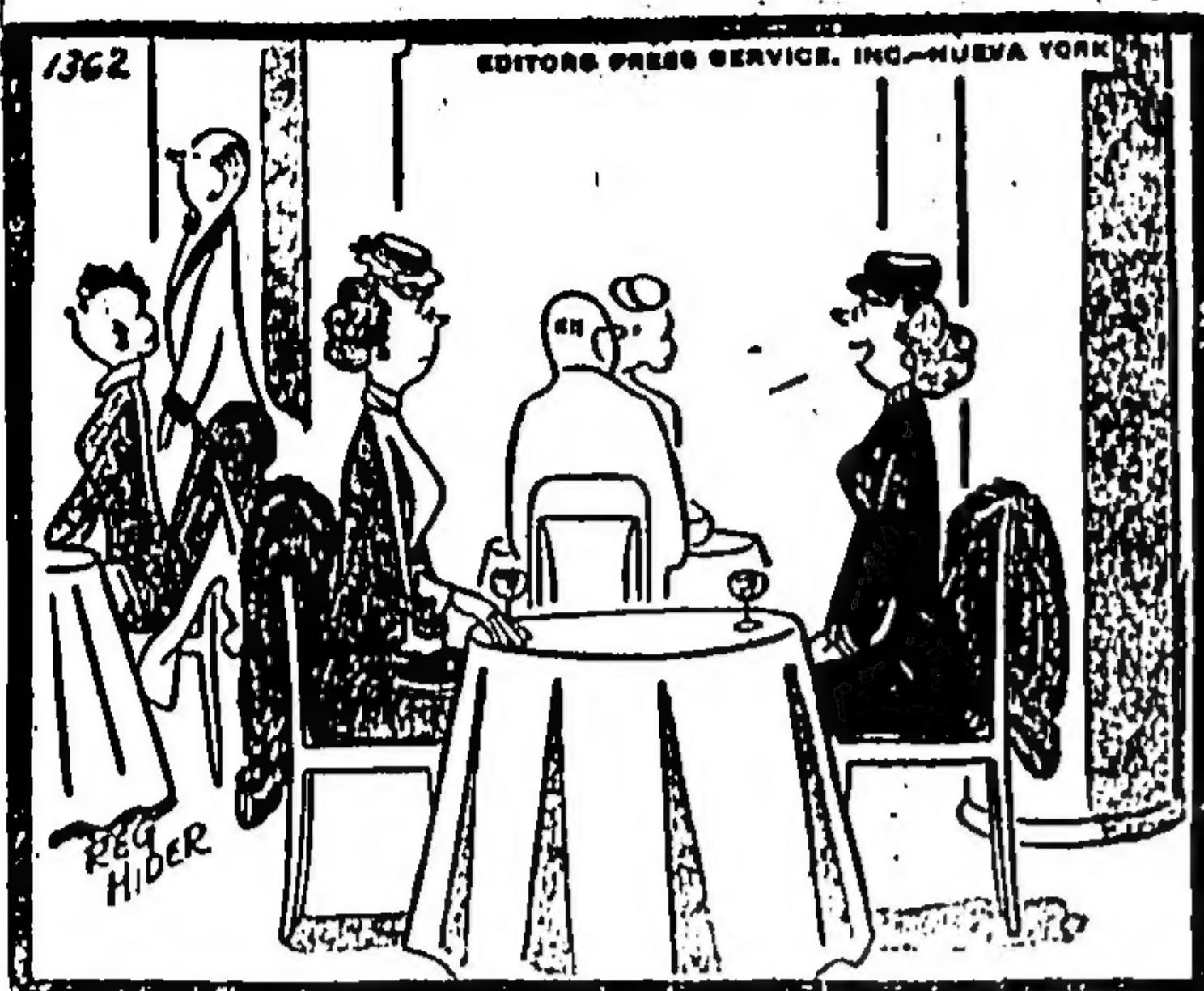
diverse states as Cambodia and Haiti, but excluding China, still

SOUNDEST VIEW

The precedent for this case is Turkey's renunciation of Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon after World War I.

At that peace conference the abandonment of Turkish sovereignty over those territories resulted in mandated rule by Britain. This has subsequently been handed over to local governments.

The third view is the soundest according to the lawyers. It means that, by law, Formosa can be ruled only by consent of most of the states in the United Nations, excluding India, Yugoslavia, Greece and China, which did not sign the peace treaty with Japan.



"Fred had that indefinable something which can best be described as money."

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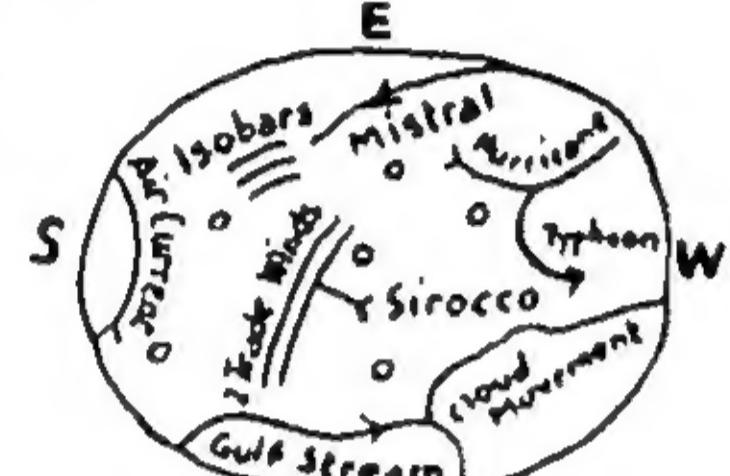
by Beachcomber

UNLESS a parody of a ballet is going on from the real thing

I read that a subtle parody was taken on seriously by an audience who saw the other day a performance who saw the joke, and laughed loudly, was flushed by those in the neighbouring seats. I hope Senior Senator Dan, who is to be our new film about a woman who falls in love with a wheelbarrow, can be persuaded to make the film into a picture. When the girl has been thrown into the wheelbarrow instead of into the arms of her dancing partner, there will not be a dry eye in the house, or a dry mouth if the bars are open.

The gallant struggle, for existence

THE big Banks are making a very gallant fight against the terrible times they are going through. The advertising men dug out to procure new customers are simply heart-rending. Smiling managers stand in the bank entrances to welcome clients, the young ones, with the atmosphere of a happy family life. "I was wondering, sir—" Call me Ben. Let me get you a cup of tea and charge it to your account. Can we buy one of our leaflets, showing all that we are ready to do for those we love?" I was wondering if I might be allowed to pay my bill at the bar. "Very good, my dear sir. Very short-sighted and foolish. We positively adore overdraws. Why, without them—well,



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Typhoons
Mistral
Azores
Sirocco
Wind
Gulf Stream
Cloud Movement

Prodose: What are the little circles?

Myself: Studious.

In passing

A FELLOW-HACK'S note on masculine women of the George Sand type reminded me of what Tallerman wrote when he was told that mine de Blane had put him into "Delphine," as Mine de Vernon, with herself as Delphine: "I hear she has put us into one of her books—both disguised as women."

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BORN today, you have a tremendous store of nervous energy, resilience and steadfastness to a single purpose. You sometimes strain the resources of your physical stamina by working a job too long without interruption. Learn to take intermittent rest periods and you will find that you have better resistance to fatigue.

Although you have learned the lesson of self-control and very often how to control the undercurrents in your life, you have a deep interest in the mysterious and the occult and often you appear to see what is to be seen. Most people would think you are a gift which you should foster. It can be of great help to you throughout your life.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

AKARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The aspects are excellent to take full advantage of all possibilities offered. Accomplish a lot.

PIRUS (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Good results are of the utmost importance. Guard it well that it may not fall at a critical moment.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—If you have had an okay on a new idea, it could be worth while to spend time developing it.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 18)—It may be your turn to be helpful to others as they, in the past, have assisted you.

GEMINI (May 19-June 17)—Best for you to stay on the sidelines if you are not brewing. Don't let yourself get involved.

CANCER (June 18-July 22)—This is a good day for home hobbies. Do a little carpentry; if in a warm climate, some gardening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—You will find there is plenty to be done on the home front. Co-operate with members of your family circle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Some time resting and relaxing is worth real money in your pocket, restores energies for work to come.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Play a little, relax a little—but don't attempt to do work you may have brought home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—This can be one of those odd-job days when you can get so many things done at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Plan for some social affair this evening. If not invited out, invite a few friends in.

TARGET

R O R
E H A
S E C

HOW many four-letter or more can you make with letters in the squares in making each word the letters in the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the center. There must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no proper names; no words of four letters or less; no doublets. 44 words. Solution tomorrow.

Yesterday's solution: Colloquialism, a short, rapid series that took root early, now spreading rapidly, though not so much now, and still growing.

London Express Service

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Southerner Shows Great Bridge Form

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN the national championships were played in Atlanta last November, most of the best players of the United States and Canada competed in the major events. Experts from the South predominated, perhaps because the tournament was closer to home and perhaps because they're such good players. (I wouldn't dream of taking sides in this argument, having lived half of my life in the North and half in the South.)

Predominant among the southern experts who attended the tournament was Ben O. Johnson, of Spartanburg, S. C., the hero of the hand shown today. Ben had to make an unorthodox bid to reach the right contract, and then he had to find an equally remarkable play to bring it home.

All the textbooks will tell you to avoid bidding no-trump with a singleton and never to bid it with a solid suit. This is very good advice, but the textbooks didn't hold the Smith hand. Johnson did hold it, and he didn't see any bid but three no-trump as a way of getting to the right game contract.

West opened the jack of clubs, and Ben could count only eight tricks: one heart, five diamonds, and two clubs. If he tried to set up a spade, the opponents would surely develop at least two clubs and two

They tell me "The Pyjama Game"—the record-breaking American musical—started this rocking fashion. Above, polka-dotted cotton pyjamas in emerald green Taiho.

AN EASY FRENCH DISH

HERE'S an easy meal to make:

NORTH		11	
♦ 7 4 3		♦ A 10 7 2	
♦ Q 6 5 2		♦ 5	
♦ 3			
WEST		EAST	
♦ A K 10 9		♦ 8 6	
♦ K 8 4 3		♦ Q 9 6 5	
♦ 7		♦ 10 9 3	
♦ 4 J 10 9 3		♦ Q 8 4 2	
SOUTH (D)			
♦ Q J 5 2			
♦ None			
♦ A K J 8 4			
♦ K 7 6			
Both sides vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ J			

spades, perhaps more. If he cast the ace of hearts, the opponents would have two heart tricks at their disposal.

After some thought Johnson decided to play the hand in an unorthodox manner as he had bid it. Nobody could guess that he was void of hearts, and there was an excellent chance that both opponents would feel compelled to move hearts if he left that suit very much alone.

The wily Ben Johnson therefore won the first trick with the king of clubs and rattled off five diamond tricks, abandoning dummy's ace of hearts.

The plan worked like a charm. Each defender held grimly to all four hearts, pitching the other suits as though they didn't matter. When each opponent discarded two clubs, Johnson gravely cashed the ace and his two small clubs to make sure of nine tricks. He then got out with a spade and had the pleasure of taking dummy's ace of hearts when the opponents had to lead to it.

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COLONY XV WIN 5-3 IN A TERRIFICALLY FAST AND EXCITING GAME

By "PAK LO"

In a terrifically fast and exciting game before a large crowd the Colony XV narrowly overcame the visiting Malayan-Singapore XV by 5 points (1 goal) to 3 points (1 penalty goal), yesterday evening under the floodlights on the Club ground.

What a game this was. Better than we have seen for a long time. Two evenly matched teams who from start to finish, neither asked nor were given any quarter.

The visitors were very keen on using the long throw-in to the centre of the field where their three were waiting for a quick pass from the wing forward, but, alas for them, the throw-ins were seldom straight.

The result, of course, was a scrum, and here the Colony had a decided advantage with Steeman, with a strong nose, in the ratio of three to two.

The fast breaking of the visitors' wing forwards, however, gave Parkinson no end of trouble and he received a severe pasting. In particular, when in possession, seldom being outside but always getting there so fast that Parkinson got few chances to feed Bristford and his backs.

When the ball did go to the backs they looked a more dangerous combination than their opponents.

Marsh, who was second choice for the centre three position, played the game of life and it was his wonderful run which aped the Colony's only try.

More outside Marsh, also, but Edward was rather slower for the ball.

SOUND AND STEADY
Logan and McLean both played a very sound steady game at full back, with each kicking some excellent touch kicks.

In the Colony forwards Hata, Newman and Petrie threw in the loose, but the whole pack to have up well.

The centre, Hata, captain and the Irish International, was in his shoulders above the rest in everything he did.

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK TO CELEBRATE

Canterbury, Feb. 3
Ye Old Beverley Inn at Canterbury will in future be able to open on Sundays because England retained the cricket "Ashes" with its victory in the Fourth Test match against Australia at Adelaide.

The Canterbury authorities decided today to extend the tavern's present six-day licence to Sundays "in view of the glorious Test victory at Adelaide"—after it had been pointed out that cricket is claimed locally to have first been played in England on the green outside.

The house dates back to 1592. It was said that sermons at the nearby church were so lengthy that people used to bring food and eat it in the churchyard and the parish clerk, deciding to cash in on this, set up the tavern to provide them with drinks as well—China Mail Special.



WATER IS PRECIOUS

USE IT

WISELY

Just arrived—

Learn from WALTER SKILFUL SOCCER WINTERBOTTOM, England's Master Coach

FOR shooting at goal you must learn to kick hard and to kick the ball accurately without having first to bring it under control. This will be difficult at first. You will miss-kick more often than not, but soon you will be able to sense the right moment to steady yourself for a shot. Get into the habit of shooting hard.

If you can master the low-drive you will have the secret of most ways of shooting. Do it in this way:

Place a ball on the ground, stand by the side of the ball with the foot you kick with next to it. Put the instep of this foot behind the ball, with your toe pointing down and your knee well over the ball. Now swing this kicking leg backwards and then forwards so that the upper part of the instep makes clean contact and sweeps the ball forward. Let your kicking foot follow through in its swing, and remain balanced on your other leg.

The Colony kicked off and play surged up and down the field, keeping the spectators thrilled as first one team and then the other threatened their opponents' line.

The game itself was started at a terrific pace by the visitors, and never lost its tempo, though towards the end it seemed to be the visitors who were tiring the more rapidly.

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This is indeed good news at the moment there is a dearth of good referees in the Colony.

IN THE FAIRF'S KNOCKOUT COMPETITION semi-final the 1st King's Own beat the 2nd Lth. Bty. by 3 points (1 penalty goal) to nil and will therefore meet the 72nd LAA in the final at Sooknupoo on Wednesday, March 2 at 4.00 p.m.

14 Entries For Pentathlon Championship

There will be 14 entries in the Third Colony Pentathlon Championship to be contested at the Caroline Hill Stadium on Sunday afternoon over the 200 Metres Dash, Discus Throw, Long Jump, Javelin Throw and 1,500 Metres Run.

This is the first Colony Pentathlon Championship in which the official five Olympic Pentathlon events are being contested and competitors will have a chance to see how they stand as all-rounders in comparison with the world's best as the official Helsinki Decathlon tables will be used in computing the scores.

The defending Champion, Chu Ming of South China Athletic Association, can be depended upon to score well in four events, but his ability to run a reasonably good 1,500 Metres remains to be seen.

His closest challengers should be Ng Chuan-wat of the Hongkong University Athletic Club and Colin M. Brand of the LAAAC.

Chuan-wat, who is developing fast into a 22-foot long jumper, is also a good thrower and should challenge Chu Ming in four of the five events. If he can open a wide margin of points on the 1,500 Metres run, he may well win.

Brand will score more heavily than the others in the two throwing events, but should lose ground in the Long Jump and 200 Metres. He may, however, pick up considerably in the 1,500 Metres run.

Another good all-rounder, though weaker than the three favourites on the throwing events, is South China's Ho Hung-pao. Stated to be a "dark horse" in the competition is Lt. Miller of the Army AAA.

The other entries are Cheung Chek-yin (SCAA), G. Rogers (Army AAA), D. J. Shepherd-Ashley (Army AAA), D. E. King (Army AAA), V. Grammons (RAF), C. Press (RAF), F. Addison (RAF), D. Greatrey (Army AAA) and P. A. Ellis (RNAC).

Competitors are to be at Caroline Hill by 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Having due regard to the fact that winning a Pentathlon takes quite a bit of ability, the HKAAA has specially called back for the occasion their former Recorder, Miss Nina Stirlitz, to present the prizes.

INVITATIONAL RELAY

Five teams have been invited to run in an Invitational Medley Relay (800, 220, 220, 440) Yards at the 27 HAA Regt. RA Regimental Athletic Meeting to be held at Boundary Street on Saturday, February 12.

The teams invited are the South China Athletic Association, the Royal Navy Athletic Club, the Royal Air Force, the Hongkong Police Athletic Club and the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club. The race will be held at 4.30 p.m.

An invitation is extended also to ex-Gunners in the Colony to take part in a special race. The distance will not be too long. Entries for this event will be accepted on the field.

HKFC SOCCER XI

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club in a First Division league soccer match against the RAF on Saturday, February 5, commencing at 4 p.m.—Lawson, Bishop, Wright, Kinloch, Falconer, Gayne, Paton, McDonald, Deigan, Pickering, Farrow, Reserves: Jones, Davies, Torgerson.

HOSPITALS' CUP

Guy Hospital beat St. George's Hospital 11-3 in a Hospitals Cup first round Rugby Union match today.—Reuter.

The Combined Services team for today will be:

Pattison, Harrison, Collins, Sadi, Paul, Brentford, Parkinson, Armandine, Reid, Miller, Lomb, Griffiths, Thomas, Harrison, Webb.

Yesterday evening's game was a real thriller, yet kept the game interesting.

Telling of referees a new referee has just arrived in the



reach it if you are going to kick to the left, turn off a little to the right. Come round in a small curve to the left so that as you finish the curve your standing foot comes down beside the ball and points in the direction in which you are going to kick it.

The finish of your turn will help you to swing your kicking foot with greater speed at the ball to make a more powerful kick.

Hit them first time

NOW try, without stopping, to drive back a ball which is coming towards you. Do this with a friend and to increase your accuracy kick the ball to each other up and down a line. The sideline on a Soccer pitch is ideal for this practice.

As you practise this, get gradually so that you have to kick harder. Don't use the same foot all the time—the one that comes to.

On your laces

NOW stand one pace behind the ball; take one quick step so that your "standing" foot is level with the ball. Swing the kicking foot strongly forward. Make sure that your toe is turned down and that at the moment of impact your knee is ever the



ball. When you kick it you should feel the blow on the face of your boot.

You must keep your balance on the standing leg while your kicking leg swings forward and upward after the ball has left the foot. This is very important.

Now try running up to the ball. Turn your last stride so that the heel of your "standing" foot comes down beside the ball, and try to get your body well over the ball as your kicking foot sweeps hard at it. Again make sure you keep your balance as your kicking foot swings forward. You can make a little hop with your standing foot if this helps.

Practise against a wall, or with two or three friends.

Try angle shots

PUSH the ball forward a little with the inner side of your foot, and then run up to it from a slight angle and try to drive it. Keep practising until you feel that you are kicking the ball "cleanly" and with power each time.

Try to drive the ball at a right angle, either to right or left.

Push the ball forward, run after it, and just before you

hit it, turn it.

"How can this team help rebuild Australian cricket?" asks E. W. Kann in the Sydney Sun.

The selectors had lost an opportunity in leaving out up and coming talent, he said. A number of other writers, including notable players of the past, criticised the selectors for their conservatism.

They say it is essential that Australia should develop young players now in order to regain the Ashes in 1956—China Mail Special.

THE TEAM

Melbourne, Feb. 4.

Australia's selectors are severely criticised by cricket writers here this morning for not including more young players in the party to tour the West Indies, announced yesterday.

Kevin Hogan, Melbourne Sun News Pictorial writer says:

"The selectors have shown another courage not realism in retaining almost all the old brigade."

The inclusion of two new young players in Peter Burge and Bill Watson was "only a token attempt to rebuild an ageing side that has been humiliatingly defeated in three successive Test matches against England," he said.

Ferry Beames in the Mel-

bourn Age said the selectors had made a gesture to the West Indies rather than tackled the problem of finding new players for the English tour of 1956.

Tom Geordan of the Sydney Morning Herald said the selectors had "confirmed our worst fears". He bemoaned the fact that two promising New South Wales youngsters, fast bowler Pat Crawford and batsman Bobby Simpson, had been omitted.

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THE SCOTS TOMORROW

CAN PROVIDE THE RUGBY SHOCK OF THE SEASON

Says J. R. WATKINS

Wales are firm favourites to beat Scotland at Murrayfield tomorrow. They must not, however, count their chickens... I recall that day in 1951—February 3 to be exact—when a similar state of affairs existed.

Wales were all set to win the Triple Crown. Their journey to Scotland was considered a formality.

Wales did not win the Triple Crown that year. The "formality" turned out to be a humiliating defeat by 19 points to nil, before a 70,000 crowd, at least a third of which were Welsh supporters.

Recent happenings in the Scottish camp do not indicate a repeat performance. Indeed the extent of the selectors' frustration can best be judged by the unusual procedure of staging an extra trial match, following the first international match.

Wales, on the other hand, having beaten England, must consider they have a very good chance of coming out on top, not only from this match, but from the season's fixtures.

Wales have strengthened their side by including R.C. Thomas at open side wing forward, while Judd of Cardiff is on the blind side. In the match against England, even though conditions were bad, Williams and Baker, the England halves, were getting away with the ball far more easily than the Scots should have done.

ALWAYS A GAP
Bleddy Williams, usually a first class tackler, was missing frequently, with the result that there was always a gap in the Welsh backs.

The Scots are something of an unknown quantity. They have four new caps. One notable feature is that Angus Cameron has been restored as captain. He last led Scotland in the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham two years ago.

In all seven changes have been made from the side beaten by France.

Smith, Ross and Nichol come into the back division; Elliot, Michie and Glen to the pack.

Elliot and Michie will give the forwards added height and weight, while Glen will bring an intelligent liveliness in the open and round the fringe of the scrum in defence.

A lot may depend on whether Elliot can reproduce the goal-kicking form he showed in the final trial. He scored 18 points. Many feel he will not achieve anything like this in an international. But I'm not so sure. Having regained his form, and confidence, he could well be Scotland's match-winner.

The Scottish selectors have probably also intended as a further mark of appreciation for yet another grand display by Monaghan who had earlier fought out a thrilling bout with bearded AB Jennings (Modeste).

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OTHER RESULTS

Here are all the other results: **Bantamweight:** AB Mason (Modeste) beat Sgt. Reid (RAF) on points.

Featherweight: AB Brockway (Modeste) lost to LAC Nevin (KO 2nd Rd); O/S Campbell (Dempsey) beat S.M. Green (Kaniero) on points.

Lightweight: SM Sunm (Tunis) lost to LAC Kelly (KO) in 1st Rd.

Welterweight: Lt. Weller (L) vs. O/S Kirkham (Dempsey) lost to LAC Johnston (RAF) on

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Agent.

Hongkong, February 8, 1955.

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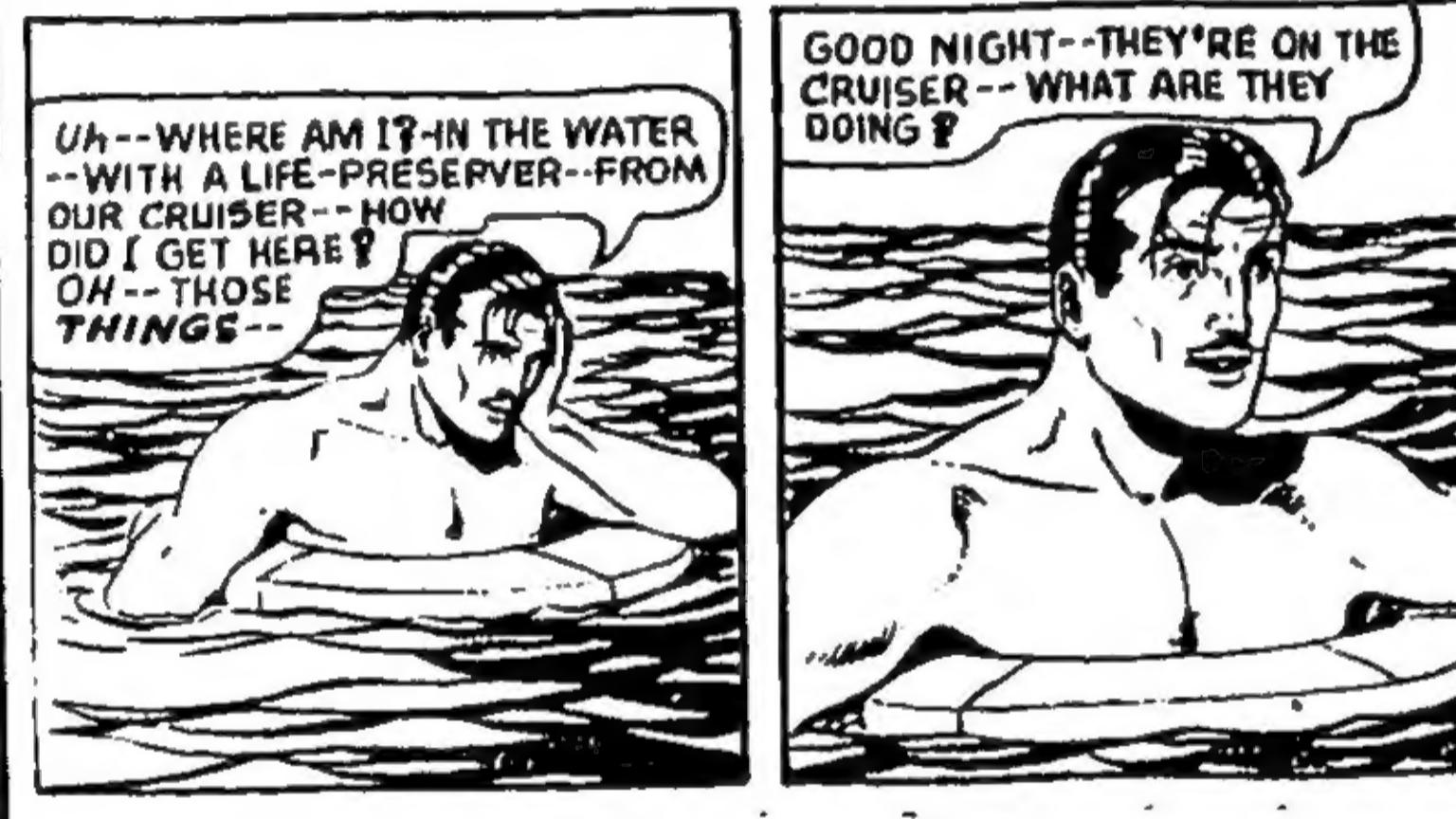
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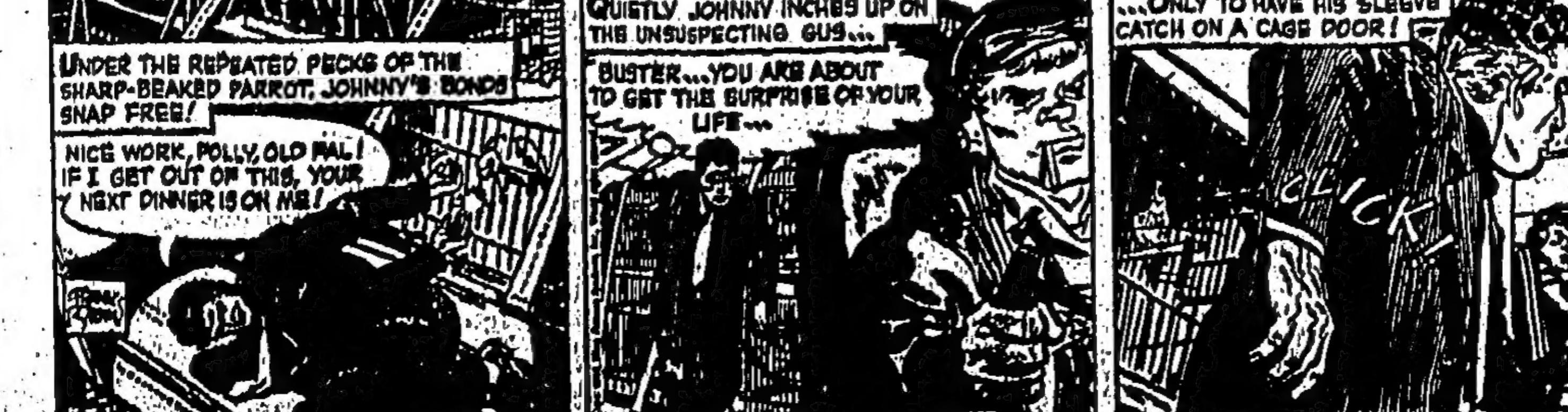
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N.Z. Is After The American Tourist Dollars

Auckland, N.Z., Feb. 3.

New Zealand is wooing the American tourist and his dollars. She wants the tourists' money to buy American goods.

Encouraged by recent holidaymakers who have said: "You have the greatest little country in the world. Why don't you let the world know it?" New Zealand feels that she can give good value to her United States guests.

The biggest single obstacle to an increasing flow of American tourists has been the lack of first class hotel accommodation. But recent developments are putting an end to that.

The Government's eyes were on North America when its Tourist Department built a £200,000 hotel at Milford Sound, in the South Island's lake district, considered by visitors to be one of the most beautiful places in the world.

NEW PLAN

Again, the Government looks east across 8,000 miles of the Pacific Ocean in planning a new £300,000 hotel at the Franz Joseph Glacier, in the Southern Alps.

In

the North Island's thermal wonderland, a "must" on every tourist's itinerary, new hotels and the modernisation of existing ones are being planned in accordance with American ideas of comfort.

New Zealand wants dollars and she wants to earn them—

New Zealand has no snakes or dangerous animals. But she offers good shooting as wild pig and deer abound, as well as duck, swan, quail and pheasant. Her fishing, river and deep-sea game is unrivaled.

The North Island's thermal regions are perhaps the best known physical features—boiling mud, geysers and steaming pools, therapeutic hot springs and mineral waters in various localities. And there are the three neighbouring volcanoes, Ferry Ngauruhoe, and semi-active Rauphu and Tongariro.

There is also a man-made phenomenon, at Wairakei, where drillers have put down numerous bores to tap steam for New Zealand's first geothermal heavy water and electricity plant.

The spectacle of billowing clouds of superheated steam coming from the earth at fantastic pressure is drawing visitors in great numbers.

MORE THAN EVER

Fast air services are bringing more tourists from North America to New Zealand than ever before.

The numbers are expected to increase sharply when the Matson Steamship Line resumes its shipping service to New Zealand and Australia in mid-1955. Against that time, the country is planning to be ready to offer them the best in hospitality and comfort.—China Mail Special

Coast Guard

Patrol

Golden Gate

San Francisco, Feb. 3. The United States Coast Guard is conducting an around-the-clock patrol outside the Golden Gate.

Twelfth Coast Guard District Headquarters disclosed yesterday that the patrol has been under way since last May. Three newly built 95-foot cutters are roving on 24-hour duty.

The boats have instruments to detect radioactive materials aboard ships, according to Captain John T. Stanley, Coast Guard Port Captain.

The patrol craft normally range from Mile Rock to Bonito Point just within the Golden Gate channel, but could intercept suspicious ships farther out to sea, if necessary.

Similar patrols are in operation at Seattle and Los Angeles, and will be extended to San Diego this summer. — United Press.

Rockets To Stop Avalanches

Vicuna, Feb. 3. Rocket-firing ramps, capable of dispersing snow masses before they hurtle down the mountains as avalanches, are shortly to be installed in danger spots in the Tyrol and Vorarlberg areas. It was reported here today.

The ranges, which can fire at three to four thousand metres distance, will be strategically placed to protect villages most threatened by avalanches.—China Mail.

BLACK MAGIC ASSORTED CHOCOLATES

...this situation calls for a

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 11th day of March, 1955, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1954, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 25th of February to Friday, the 11th of March, 1955, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955.

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HONG KONG

Extraordinary General Meeting

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1. That the capital of the Corporation be increased from twenty million Hong Kong dollars to twenty five million Hong Kong dollars by the creation of forty thousand new shares of one hundred and twenty five Hong Kong dollars each.
2. That:—(a) It is desirable to capitalise a sum of five million Hong Kong dollars being part of the undivided profits of the Corporation standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund and accordingly that such sum be capitalised and applied in payment in full for forty thousand new shares of the Corporation of one hundred and twenty five Hong Kong dollars each and that such shares be credited as fully paid up and distributed amongst the shareholders who on the 11th day of March 1955 were registered shareholders of the Corporation in the proportion of one new share for every four then held by such shareholders respectively and that such shares shall rank pari passu with the existing shares of the Corporation.

(b) The Board be hereby authorised to allot and issue such new shares for distribution in the manner and proportions aforesaid.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
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Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955.

CHINA MAIL BOOK REVIEWS

France's Seventeen Crucial Days

Hard on Sir Winston Churchill's 80th birthday comes a book which contains as many vivid snapshots of Britain's wartime Prime Minister as can well be packed into one volume—and 17 crucial days.

The book by Major-General Sir Edward Spears, Churchill's personal representative with the French Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, M. Paul Reynaud, covers the period between June 1 and June 15, 1940, when France gave in to Hitler, saw its bitter battle fought between her two leaders for her very soul.

The details are won and in "The Fall of France, June 1940" published by Wells & Heaton, in my opinion, General Spears tells, he

The author is the second volume of "A将领" (A General), the first volume of which was entitled "Prelude to Dunkirk" (Published by Methuen). Sir Winston Churchill, who became Prime Minister in mid-May 1940 when, despite already threatened, France, still gives an arresting series of pictures of the main personalities on the Franco-British scene at that time. The French leaders, some hesitant, some frankly defeatist, and a few grimly resolute with eyes fixed on the far horizon, are neatly sketched.

There is the picture of the British Prime Minister on his return to France, escorted by 12 lourmantes to confer with the irreducible French leaders at Biarritz, southeast of Orleans on June 11, after the Government had already left Paris.

At Biarritz airfield, the author says, "Winston, in black, leaning on his stick, stridden about beaming as if he had left all his preoccupations in the plane and had reached the one spot in the world he most wished to visit at that particular moment. He conveyed the impression that the long journey had been well worth while since at last it was voucherised to him to walk about the atmosphere of Britain."

At the meeting, were Sir Winston, Mr (now Sir) Anthony Eden, General Dill, Lord Ismay for the British, and for the French, the French Prime Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, the French Commander-in-Chief, General Maxime Weygand, General Georges Maréchal Petain and General Charles de Gaulle, recently appointed Under-Secretary for War.

After some sharp exchanges between Churchill and the French, the meeting, held at General Weygand's house, "a large mansard-roofed red lobster-coloured brick" and incongruously named Lily of the Valley Castle, petered out.

The author follows his account of the serious proceedings with a vivid snapshot of Churchill next morning. Churchill, staying at the castle as Weygand's guest, was separated from his companions and his detective, Thompson, who used to minister to his needs on such sudden journeys, who were accommodated in a special train.

"Two French officers were finishing their coffee au lait in the conference room which was also the dining-room, when the big double door burst open and they beheld an astonishing sight, General Spears writes. "An apparition which, they said, resembled an angry Japanese general, in long, flowing red silk kimono over other similar but white garments, girdled with a white belt of like material, stood there, sparse hair on end, and said with every sign of anger: 'Uh ay ma bain!'"

GUILTY VOICE

Years later, the author adds, he reminded Sir Winston Churchill of the incident. The Prime Minister's expression was one of startled concern. In a slightly guilty voice, in which rang a note of enquiry, he said: "I suppose I ought to have said 'Up oy MONG bain!'" and he chuckled.

There is, too, a striking sketch of Marshal Petain, whom the author visited in his office on the Boulevard des Invalides while the French Government was still in Paris. The old Marshal had a map before him. Tracing the battle front, he said: "This time there are no reserves,



SIR EDWARD SPEARS
author of the book
reviewed today.

given place to Petain and the defensists. General Spears called on Petain at night, when it was clear that all was over, and begged him either to take an aircraft to England next morning with him and General de Gaulle, or to go in a British destroyer which was lying off the city.

"As he said nothing, and remembering this lady to whom he was deeply attached, I said there would be two places for him." But Petain replied: "You fear for me because I am a Jew. Well, it is just because I am a Jew that I will not go tomorrow."

General Spears never saw Petain again. He was murdered on the orders of Vichy in the forest of Fontainebleau on July 7, 1944. "He was a great man... his courage astounding," General Spears comments.

Finally, there is Paul Reynaud, the French Prime Minister, a complicated character, torn this way and that, the prey of bad counsellors.

Paul Reynaud is perhaps best depicted in the last vital scene, when Churchill sent his thoughtful message to Bordeaux offering France a Franco-British union in which citizens of both countries would enjoy a common citizenship.

China Mail Special

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

HK MARKET DEPRESSED
Formosa Uncertainty
Brings Further Falls In Share Prices

By A Special Correspondent

There was a further decline in prices on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this week with the continued uncertainty over the Formosa situation.

However, selling pressure has been on a slight scale and, according to my information, confined mainly to Chinese investors. The majority of the losses have been small.

Brokers said yesterday they

expected further falls in the next week.

Practically every section of the market was affected this week.

Hongkong Wharves and Docks were the greatest losers, with Wharves showing a \$1 loss on the sellers' quote on the week and Docks down \$2.30 on the next month.

I hear the company's earnings are lower than last year's and it will be recalled that last March the company paid a \$4.50 dividend with a rider by the chairman that the company might not be able to maintain that dividend in the next financial year.

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REALISTIC LEVELS

Both Wharves and Docks, as

a result of their falls, return to more realistic levels, however,

one cannot avoid concluding that they have been way above their true levels in recent weeks.

Banks and Unions were

slightly down on the week.

Banks by \$15 on the local

register and Unions by \$7.50.

All utilities were affected.

Trams have fallen \$1.30 to \$21.

Yamatans are down \$6 to \$17.50.

Lights have lost 70 cents to \$17.40. Electrics have lost \$1.25 to \$37.40, and Telephones, about

\$2 to \$32.50.

Wheelocks, steady last week,

slipped down to \$7.15 yester-

day.

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$994,775. Non quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank 2,005 2,100 16 qt 2120

INSURANCE Union 946 955 1000 qt 10.30

Dock & ETC. Wharf 70 23

Provident (Old) 14,10 15 600 qt 18.10

Wheelock 6.00 100 qt 7.15

LAND, ETC. HK Hotel 15 2000 qt 15.10

HK Land 60 97.50 1000 qt 14.00

Humphreys 21.80 1000 qt 20.10

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Navy Ferry 700 qt 10.00

Yat-tai Ferry 179 100 qt 17.00

C. Light (G) 10.80 17 2000 qt 17.10

C. Light (N) 10.80 1000 qt 16.80

Electric 30.1 301 2000 qt 30.00

Telephone 31 32 700 qt 30.00

INDUSTRIALS Cement 40% 40% 100 qt 41.15

Settlement 1000 qt 10.30

STORES, ETC. Dairy 23.20 250 qt 23.20

Mats 200 qt 20.00

Food 200 qt 17

C. Crawford 20.40

COTTONS Textile 0.00

MICELLANEOUS Yangtze 3.00 6.00 500 qt 6.00

2000 qt 6.00

Telephone 31 32 700 qt 30.00

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 3.

World No. 4 sugar futures

today closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 360 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures

closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 97 contracts.

Trade buying orders pre-

dominated in the world contract.

Another trading feature was the posting of 91 contracts in nearby March against transactions in

actual sugar.

Domestic futures ruled quiet

and steady. Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world)

March 3.15

May 3.16

September 3.17

November 3.18

March 3.15

Special (cent per lb. job, Cuba) 3.17

Contract No. 6

March 8.44

May 8.51-82

July 8.50

September 8.55

November 8.55

March 8.45

Special (cent per lb. job, Cuba) 8.45

Exchanges

Business was done in the local

official exchange market this

morning at the following rates:

Sterling notes (per £1) 17.70

Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 17.70

Swiss francs (per 100) 17.70

Chinese dollars (per 100) 17.70

India-Russia rupees (per 100) 17.70

China Mail Special

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Feb. 3.

News of a threatened invasion of Formosa by the Chinese Reds brought some demand on the

Board of Trade today and boosted prices from the day's low.

Futures earlier were depressed

by slow export demand, favourable weather and crop reports,

and a heaviness on wheat and soybeans. Much of the selling in wheat and soybeans was

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

William's Investment

WILLIAM came up to London from a city in the West Country. All the money he possessed he invested in the rail fare. A good investment, William reckoned, for he was on his way to a job that would pay him £10-plus a week.

All would have been well for William but for a slight miscalculation in his reckoning. He arrived in London late one evening, in plenty of time to start in his new job at eight o'clock on the morning following. But he forgot to leave himself money enough to pay for that night's lodgings.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

THE moment of truth struck William when he reached Paddington but he shrugged it away and thought to himself, "For one night I can rough it, and in the morning they'll give me an advance on my pay." He trudged away from the station to meet the long night hours.

The weather was against such an enterprise, and by the time William reached the West End he had had enough on roughing it. He asked the way to the nearest police station.

There he put his problem squarely before the duty officer. "Yes, there's a place you can go where you don't have to pay," the officer said, and named an address in Peckham.

THE SPIKE'

"BUT that's the same as the workhouse, isn't it?" William asked. He had heard of the Peckham address before. "They don't let you out of there till half-past seven in the morning, do they?" he stated, rather than asked. "That's no good to me. I've got to start work at eight."

"Sorry," the officer said. "That's all I can suggest."

William's welcome ran out, and taking the hint, he left. In the cold street an ancient idea occurred to him. He found an empty milk bottle on a doorstep and, armed with it, marched to a telephone kiosk, where he smashed a small pane of glass.

In the quiet, small hours, the crash sounded tremendous. William stood still, waiting for hurrying footsteps, waiting to be arrested.

CONFESSING

NO footsteps sounded, no one came near. William walked back to the police station, confessed to his crime, and then accompanied a policeman to the scene to prove he had committed it. These formalities over, William was arrested.

At Bow Street, a few hours later, William pleaded guilty to wilfully damaging a pane of glass valued at 15s., and his story was told to the magistrate, Mr E. G. Robey.

"What do you want to say?" Mr Robey asked William.

William's reply was framed almost as a protest. "What's the good of going to the spike?" to the workhouse, when they won't let you out in time to start work?" he asked.

The magistrate called in Mr Haines, the probation officer.

EXPENSIVE NIGHT
"He could have got a note from his employers," Mr Haines said. "If he had shown that to the institution, he would have been allowed to leave at any time after 5 p.m."

"Is the job still open?"

"I will make some discreet inquiries," Mr Haines said.

"Yes—they'll have to be discreet," the magistrate agreed.

Presently Mr Haines returned to say that William could start work next day.

The magistrate turned to William. "I'm glad you still have the job," he said. "But you'll find last night an expensive night's lodging. You must pay 20s. fine, and 10s. for the damage you did. I will give you seven days in which to pay."

"Yes, sir. Thank you, sir."

William said, and marched off towards the promising future, in which he had so heavily invested.

Emergency Talks

(Continued from Page 1)

But there is no indication how the United States would feel about such a proposal—and the attitude of Nationalist China is even more unpredictable.

Nor has there been any indication that Communist China would agree to discuss in any form a question which she is entirely her own business.

The United States Ambassador here, Mr Winthrop Aldrich, today called on Mr Nehru on his own initiative. Both American and Indian sources and commentaries described this as a "courtesy visit."

The Formosa question was discussed between them informally but only in general terms and neither put forward any proposals.

Though most of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers were disappointed at China's reaction it was not entirely unexpected, except for the uncompromising tone.

Some had thought that Communist China might make a serious counter proposal.

The least surprised was the Indian delegation, which had never expected Communist China to agree to discuss the New Zealand move.—Reuter.

Constabulary Promotions

H.E. the Governor has approved the following appointments in the Hongkong Special Constabulary, it is announced in the Government Gazette today. Mr George Tung Fung-lee (Inspector) to be Assistant Superintendent of Police (Special); Messrs Gordon Hui Sui-fun (Sergeant) and Karslim Shum (Corporal) to be Acting Assistant Superintendents of Police (Special).

Ingrid Revisits Her Home Country



Ingrid Bergman talks with Mr Joel Berglund, Director of the Royal Opera in Stockholm, just after the arrival of the famous Swedish-born actress to give performances of Joan of Arc. She was accompanied by her husband Italian Roberto Rossellini and her three children. This will be her first performance in her home country for 18 years. —London Express.

Children Dance For Princess

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Feb. 3.

Princess Margaret today saw the bongo bongo and bel air, hip-shaking dances, performed hilariously at a rally attended by 30,000 school children.

The bongo bongo was danced by 100 primary schoolboys in straw hats, candy-striped pirate jerseys, white trousers and canvas shoes.

They danced with gusto before the royal visitor at the Queen's Oval Cricket Ground in Port of Spain. Princess Margaret spent an hour there before sunset.

She smiled broadly at the bongo bongo, which is danced at wakes to ensure a "happy crossing" into the next world for the dead.

The bel air, something of a minuet, was carried out with wiggling by 100 schoolgirls clad in coloured head scarfs, long flowing robes, gold earrings and chains. The dance was imported from Martinique, Guadeloupe, and other French islands.

The Princess was to be guest of honour at a State banquet in Government House tonight attended by members of the royal entourage and island leaders.

Princess Margaret, who wore an orchid pink and pale grey flowered silk dress, with a close fitting straw hat in grey with tiny pink flowers, obviously enjoyed the children's rally.

The weather has been kind. The start of the State drive was marred by rain but the sun came out later.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 4: Time Signal and Programme Summary; 5.20, Children's Half Hour presented by John and Valerie (Studio); 6.30, Popular Song Parade; 6.55, Weather Report; 7.00, Weather Report; 7.05, Commentaries (London Relay); 7.09, Special Announcements; 7.15, Artist Feature; 7.20, "Planes"; 7.25, "The Big Week"; 7.30, "Viewpoint"; 7.35, "Jazzline" devoted to the Arts Edited and Introduced by Jack Tobin; Books: Reviewed by John MacLean; "Introduction to American Politics" by D. W. Brogan Pub. by Hamilton at 2s.; "Politics in Post War France" by J. Wilson; "Price Control" and its practice Hong Kong by D. M. Kenrick Pub. by R. Wells; Father Ryan talks about the Catholic Mass; Dietician and medical reference books in general; 8. Interlude; 8.03, Short Story; "The Captain's Cabin" by John Lewis; Review of "Millionaire" (Recorded); 8.30, Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon in "Life with the Lyons"; 8.45, "Ghosts in the Dark" (BBC); 8.50, "The Big Week"; 8.55, "Music Lovers' Hour—Classical Requests presented by John MacLean; 9.00, "Ceylon Independence Day"; "The Prince Minister of Ceylon"; the Hon. Sir John Kotikalapillai discusses questions put by Richard Goyder; "Beachcomber" (Recorded); 10.15, Boulevard 10.30; "The 1953 Hong Kong Automobile Association Motor Rally" (Recorded); 11.00, "The Cup" No. 77, on the Circuit; Comments on the Circuit; Programme Tests at the Jockey Club; Programme edited by Anthony (Recorded); 11.15, "Goodnight Music"; 11.30, "Report on the Winter Report"; 11.45, "Goodnight Music"; 12.00, "The Queen"; 12.30, "Close Down".

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Tests: Reply To "Sillypoint"

Sir—From the feathered recesses of my arm-chair, I beset myself from my cushioned comfort to express my elation and joy at England's fourth (and third) Test wins and her retention of the Ashes in Australia.

Had you invited my comment on the Fourth Test, undoubtedly I should have paid glowing tribute not to the individuals who played so large a part in England's last two resounding wins (names such as Hutton, Cowdry, Compton, Evans, Statham, Appleyard and Tyson clouted for distinctive mention), but to the whole team who have demonstrated, if not their complete supremacy in the present series, then certainly the grave weaknesses among their Australian rivals.

May I add, Sir, arm-chair critic that I am with absolutely no qualifications to add conviction to my "scathing diatribe" (a slight exaggeration, I feel) against the English team, that your commentator, no more than an interested observer, noted a pleasing all-round improvement in the standard of play in the last two Tests, and that only a pedant would attempt to single out Hutton for further criticism. In short, I regarded his captaincy as excellent in these matches.

A further point, Sir: my opinions have been criticised as gratuitous—particularly in the light of the final outcome. This I do not deny but at the time of writing my earlier comments whether I now "Sillypoint" could foretell the result. My criticism (which I later learned was similar to that appearing in a number of British newspapers) was simply intended as a reflection of the feelings of a number of individuals at the time, both in Hongkong and abroad, individuals far better qualified than myself to make pertinent comment on this subject. It was, I think, a reflection of the bitter disappointment at our resounding defeat in the First Test and relief, albeit mixed with uneasiness at our narrow win by only 38 runs in the Second Test, but essentially a profound desire to see the England team do better in their next encounters.

MEETINGS

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The coldest weather was in the East where the mercury skidded to 38 degrees below zero at Plattsburgh, New York, 15 below in Albany and an oven zero at New York City. The metropolitan suffered its coldest weather on record for the date and had 3.7 inches of snow.

The Hudson River froze solid for the first time in 37 years and subway doors became stuck in the cold. On one subway train passengers waited behind frozen doors for 30 minutes before they could reach the platform.

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The snow reached out into Western Nebraska in the plains, while treacherous freezing rain and sleet stretched from northeast New Mexico to southern Kansas.

Winds that rose as high as 83 miles an hour buffeted Rock Springs, Wyoming, along with snow.

Nineteen inches of snow fell on Wolf Creek Pass on the Continental Divide in Colorado and Wyoming.

All mountain passes in Colorado were snowpacked, and travel was hazardous.—United Press.

R. H.

Radio HK And Test Cricket

Sir—Your "Comment Of The Day"—"Question of Inflexibility" sounds rather like "Mr Disgusted Of Tunbridge Wells" of the delightful Jimmie Edwards show, reacting to the BBC. I can just picture Mr Comment Of The Day fuming and fussing over the sacred test match being interrupted by all that silly unwanted classical music which, of course, nobody but fools and those not interested in cricket would ever dream of listening to anyway. And then I can see him rushing to the desk and battling out a scorching piece of invective, dribbling and foaming at the mouth, to knock the local radio station off its perch.

Mr "Comment Of The Day" has overlooked the fact, however, that perhaps there are even in Hongkong 1955 some people who are not even mildly excited about cricket. In fact, perhaps there are some people who actually murmur: "What more cricket?" when that which does emanate from Radio HK monopolises the ether. The editorial piece does betray the writer's personal feelings on this most evidently and to many it will sound far too dramatically intense and unbalanced to warrant consideration. No doubt Radio HK which has to cater to tastes many and varied is quite capable of answering for itself this sudden and strident outburst over such a trivial incident, but meanwhile I suggest Mr "Disgusted" should calm down a little as this sort of spluttering may be bad for his blood pressure.

W.H. Tingle, Colonial Secretary.

Mr Cheng Chih-hsien has been appointed Food Officer by the District Commissioner, New Territories, for the purposes of the New Territories Rules, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Kai Tak Scheme: Govt Calls For First Tender

The first step in the Kai Tak Airport development scheme was officially announced today when a notice was published in the Government Gazette calling for tenders from "contractors with suitable experience for Stage 1 of the reconstruction of the airport."

The contract (No 9 of 1955) covers (1) the construction of about 3½ miles of sea wall; (2) reclamation involving about 12 million cubic yards of fill. This quantity includes about 6½ million cubic yards of dredged sand and 2½ million cubic yards of excavation from hills.

The balance may be obtained either by dredging or excavation; (3) the construction of an asphalt surfaced runway and taxiway on stone base courses and associated services.

Contract documents can be inspected at the offices of Messrs Scott and Wilson, Kirkpatrick and Partners, Kai Tak Airport, and can be obtained from them on or after February 21 on depositing \$420. This sum will be refunded in each case where a bona fide tender is submitted.

The Government notice adds:

"In view of the magnitude of the above works, contractors will be required to furnish satisfactory proof of their technical and financial standing before they will be permitted to tender."

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By Air Japan, U.S.A., Canada 6 p.m. Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, By Surface

Macau, 6 p.m. SATURDAY, FEB. 5

By Air Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m. By Surface Philippines, 8 a.m. Formosa, Canada, 6 p.m. Japan & U.S.A., 6 p.m. Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m. By Surface China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. N. Borneo, 9 a.m. Japan, Noon. Indonesia, 8 a.m. Italy, France, 1 p.m. Macao, 2 p.m. Formosa, 3 p.m. East, 5 p.m. Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, 6 p.m. China, People's Republic, 6 p.m. Macao, 6 p.m. SUNDAY, FEB. 6

By Air Philippines, 1 p.m. U.S.A., 1 p.m. Japan, 1 p.m. Philippines, 2 p.m. Macao, 2 p.m. Okinawa, 2 p.m. By Surface Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m. Ceylon, 6 p.m.

Chinese City To Be Rebuilt

Blueprints to rebuild Lo Yang, an ancient Chinese capital in Honan Province, into a modern industrial city have just been completed; and construction work will start soon, reports the China News Service in this morning's pro-Communist journal.

The reconstruction is planned on the lines of a modern Russian city.

Lo Yang is situated in a district very rich in mineral resources and agricultural products.

There are coal fields near the city.